

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 1.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 19, 2000**. Many parts of the state received much needed rain, but wet conditions have delayed fieldwork activities. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 23 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus.

| Progress In Percentages |           |           |           |      |          | Conditions in Percentages |      |      |      |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Item                    | Event     | This Week | Last Week | 1999 | 5-Yr Avg | Very Poor                 | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Soybeans                | Harvested | 99        | 99        | 99   | 97       | --                        | --   | --   | --   | --        |
| Wheat                   | Planted   | 85        | 75        | 95   | 93       | 4                         | 3    | 51   | 37   | 5         |
|                         | Emerged   | 70        | 54        | 78   | 80       |                           |      |      |      |           |
| Sweetpotatoes           | Harvested | 99        | 99        | 96   | 97       | --                        | --   | --   | --   | --        |
| Cattle                  |           |           |           |      |          | 3                         | 12   | 36   | 42   | 7         |

County Agent Comments

“Good general rains fell this week. There was little to no fieldwork performed. We will plant more wheat when fields allow it. We still need more rain to bring sub-moisture to the level it should be.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Rains were a welcome sight again this week. Most ryegrass has begun to emerge, but winter feeding continues. Crop harvest is complete in the county with farmers feeling the results of this year’s drought.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

“We have gotten rain, but we need for it to rain the whole winter in order to recharge the subsoil moisture we lost over the last two years.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

“There isn't much going on since the rains and freezes. Some ryegrass had started coming up after the rains and now the cold weather has shocked it. Cattlemen are feeding hay and cannot graze winter forages yet.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“Rains have been a welcome sight, and we have received enough that now when it dries up a little, producers will be able to graze cattle. Some producers are top dressing some early planted grass. Wheat planting is on hold because rains are slowing soybean harvest, but no one is complaining. Across the county, we have received about six inches of rain.”

— Richard Hay, Amite County

“Slow, steady rains fell across the Coast several days this past week. Fall plantings of vegetables and ornamentals are on hold due to soggy conditions. Diseases, such as botrytis, scab, and leaf spot, have been found on poinsettias.”

— Chance McDavid, Harrison County

“Good soaking rains were received Thursday through Saturday, which was good news to all. The soil is now moist and soft enough to prepare for planting ryegrass.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper County

“Wet and cold conditions are in the forecast. It looks like winter has arrived. Since the rain, the ryegrass has started to grow. The winter grazing has improved. Cattle farmers will probably have to continue feeding hay.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds County

“Rain has been coming regularly and has arrived slow enough to soak in. Ryegrass is growing and cattlemen are looking forward to grazing when there is enough growth. Frost has bitten tender vegetation.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones

| Weather Summary from November 13, 2000 to November 19, 2000 for Mississippi |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
|---|-----------------|-----|-----|------|-----|---------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|--------------|
| District/Station  | Air Temperature |     |     |      |     | Precipitation |       |           |            | 4 Inch Soil Temperature |     |     | Avg Pan Evap |
|   | Max             | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week      | DFN   | Rain Days | Four Weeks | Max                     | Min | Avg |              |
| 1. Upper Delta  |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Clarksdale  |                 |     |     | 55   |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Cleveland   | 73              | 36  | 53  |      |     | 2.54          |       | 5         | 3.60       |                         |     |     |              |
| Tunica  | 69              | 33  | 52  | 54   | -2  | 2.58          | +1.47 | 4         | 3.68       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average   | 73              | 33  | 53  | 56   | -2  | 2.56          | +1.47 | 5         | 3.64       |                         |     |     |              |
| 2. North-Central  |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Holly Springs   | 70              | 40  | 59  | 53   | +6  | 3.16          | +1.94 | 4         | 3.64       | 74                      | 59  | 65  |              |
| Memphis   | 71              | 34  | 54  | 55   | -1  | 2.23          | +1.14 | 5         | 2.90       |                         |     |     |              |
| Oxford  | 71              | 30  | 53  | 53   | 0   | 4.43          | +3.19 | 4         | 5.57       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average   | 71              | 30  | 56  | 54   | +2  | 3.27          | +2.08 | 4         | 4.04       | 74                      | 59  | 65  |              |
| 3. Northeast  |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Booneville  | 74              | 29  | 55  | 53   | +2  | 3.95          | +2.78 | 5         | 4.60       |                         |     |     |              |
| Corinth   | 79              | 39  | 61  | 54   | +7  | 6.41          | +5.22 | 5         | 6.91       |                         |     |     |              |
| Iuka  | 76              | 29  | 54  |      |     | 3.14          |       | 5         | 4.00       |                         |     |     |              |
| Pontotoc  | 73              | 31  | 52  | 54   | -2  | E4.53         | +3.49 | 5         | E5.39      | 68                      | 55  | 63  | 0.09         |
| Tupelo  | 76              | 32  | 56  | 55   | +1  | 4.19          | +3.16 | 4         | 5.11       |                         |     |     |              |
| Verona  | 76              | 33  | 56  |      |     | 5.09          |       | 5         | 5.86       | 73                      | 34  | 61  |              |
| Extreme/Average   | 79              | 29  | 56  | 54   | +2  | 4.55          | +3.42 | 5         | 5.31       | 73                      | 34  | 62  | 0.09         |
| 4. Lower Delta  |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Belzoni   | 76              | 39  | 57  | 57   | 0   | 3.60          | +2.50 | 4         | 4.37       | 79                      | 60  | 69  |              |
| Greenwood   | 76              | 36  | 56  | 57   | -1  | 2.59          | +1.50 | 4         | 2.99       |                         |     |     |              |
| Rolling Fork  | 76              | 38  | 54  | 57   | -3  | 4.17          | +3.13 | 4         | 4.58       | 77                      | 55  | 66  | 0.04         |
| Stoneville  | 74              | 36  | 53  | 57   | -4  | 2.82          | +1.61 | 4         | 5.02       | 72                      | 49  | 61  |              |
| Yazoo City  | 76              | 38  | 56  | 58   | -2  | E4.04         | +2.98 | 4         | E4.06      |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average   | 76              | 36  | 55  | 57   | -2  | 3.44          | +2.30 | 4         | 4.20       | 79                      | 49  | 65  | 0.04         |
| 5. Central  |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Carthage  | 75              | 35  | 54  | 57   | -3  | E4.76         | +3.71 | 3         | E4.80      |                         |     |     |              |
| Jackson   | 80              | 38  | 58  | 58   | 0   | 4.28          | +3.25 | 5         | 4.48       |                         |     |     |              |
| Winona  | 76              | 31  | 54  | 54   | 0   | 6.65          | +5.57 | 4         | 7.19       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average   | 80              | 31  | 55  | 57   | -2  | 5.23          | +4.18 | 4         | 5.49       |                         |     |     |              |
| 6. East-Central   |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Brooksville   | 83              | 44  | 66  |      |     | 3.20          | +2.27 | 3         | 3.20       | 74                      | 57  | 67  |              |
| Columbus  | 81              | 34  | 57  |      |     | 3.18          |       | 4         | 3.36       |                         |     |     |              |
| State University  | 79              | 32  | 57  | 57   | 0   | 4.98          | +4.09 | 5         | 5.20       | 74                      | 54  | 65  | 0.10         |
| Extreme/Average   | 83              | 32  | 60  | 56   | +4  | 3.79          | +2.78 | 4         | 3.92       | 74                      | 54  | 66  | 0.10         |
| 7. Southwest  |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Crystal Springs   | 80              | 37  | 58  |      |     | 4.84          |       | 3         | 6.13       | 76                      | 50  | 65  |              |
| Natchez   | 80              | 35  | 58  | 61   | -3  | 4.67          | +3.59 | 2         | 5.75       |                         |     |     |              |
| Oakley  | 81              | 38  | 60  | 57   | +3  | 6.24          | +5.22 | 5         | 7.20       | 82                      | 54  | 67  |              |
| Vicksburg   | 77              | 37  | 56  |      |     | 3.84          |       | 4         | 5.71       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average   | 81              | 35  | 58  | 59   | -1  | 4.90          | +3.87 | 4         | 6.20       | 82                      | 50  | 66  |              |
| 8. South-Central  |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Columbia  | 80              | 38  | 59  | 59   | 0   | E3.80         | +2.82 | 4         | E4.46      |                         |     |     |              |
| McComb  | 78              | 36  | 57  | 59   | -2  | E3.09         | +2.10 | 4         | E4.08      |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average   | 80              | 36  | 58  | 59   | -1  | 3.45          | +2.50 | 4         | 4.27       |                         |     |     |              |
| 9. Southeast  |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Beaumont  |                 |     |     |      |     | E1.72         |       | 3         | E1.92      |                         |     |     |              |
| Hattiesburg   |                 |     |     | 59   |     | E3.96         | +2.94 | 4         | E4.42      |                         |     |     |              |
| Laurel  | 79              | 37  | 62  | 58   | +4  | 3.85          | +2.93 | 3         | 3.92       |                         |     |     |              |
| Meridian  | 79              | 32  | 60  | 57   | +3  | 1.75          | +0.81 | 4         | 1.89       |                         |     |     |              |
| Newton  | 81              | 32  | 59  | 56   | +3  | 3.78          | +2.84 | 4         | 3.93       | 69                      | 50  | 61  | 0.10         |
| Extreme/Average   | 81              | 32  | 60  | 58   | +2  | 3.34          | +2.38 | 4         | 3.54       | 69                      | 50  | 61  | 0.10         |
| 10. Coastal   |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Bay St Louis  | 82              | 37  | 64  |      |     | E1.83         |       | 5         | E1.85      |                         |     |     |              |
| Biloxi AFB  | 82              | 41  | 67  |      |     | 0.47          |       | 4         | 0.72       |                         |     |     |              |
| Gulfport  | 79              | 39  | 64  | 63   | +1  | 2.08          | +1.20 | 4         | 2.47       |                         |     |     |              |
| Pascagoula  | 81              | 35  | 64  |      |     | 2.06          |       | 5         | 2.22       |                         |     |     |              |
| Poplarville   | 81              | 38  | 62  | 61   | +1  | 2.85          | +1.92 | 4         | 3.06       | 77                      | 59  | 69  | 0.13         |
| Extreme/Average   | 82              | 35  | 64  | 62   | +2  | 1.86          | +0.95 | 4         | 2.06       | 77                      | 59  | 69  | 0.13         |
| State   | 83              | 29  | 58  | 57   | +1  | 3.79          | +2.75 | 4         | 4.39       | 82                      | 34  | 65  | 0.10         |

DFN = Departure from Normal.

'E' = Estimated Value .